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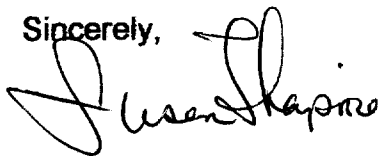
Dear Secretary Glickman,

While I strongly support a review of the approval process for biotech products in light of long-term environmental, health safety, moral and ethical issues, I **also strongly encourage you to support mandatory**, rather than voluntary **labeling of foods containing genetically engineered, (GE,) ingredients.** As consumers and citizens of the United States of America, we have the **right to know** and the right to **choose** what is in our food.

Companies, (seed companies, farmers, processors and retailers) should be required to inform us of the source all ingredients, transgenic or not.. We are what we eat and what we choose to put into our bodies is the most personal and individual right. This is the United States of America. We have the right to be informed and we have the right to have a government which assures a healthy market mechanism be available for providing non- GE products from which to choose.

The availability and viability of this choice is urgently important in light of the lack of knowledge existing regarding the long term impact of GE products on the environment, the natural balance of nature, and on our bodies.

Sincerely,



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